MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

MAY 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Deputy City Manager Lara, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS:
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. for 1) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

INVOCATION
Pastor Gabriel Morales of Four Square Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECONVENE:
Mayor Patino reconvened the Regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, Deputy City Manager Lara, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Utilities Engineer Kahn, Business Services Manager Long, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
City Attorney Trujillo reported that there was no reportable action.

A. PROCLAMATION – GO WESTERN DAYS
Mayor Patino read a proclamation declaring May 1 – June 1, 2014, as "Go Western Days" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents to enter into the rodeo spirit by wearing western apparel. The proclamation was accepted by Phil Harwick, Santa Maria Elks Recreation – President.

Item 1D was taken out of order and presented at this time, then followed by Items 1B and 1C.

B. PRESENTATION – WATER AWARENESS SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST
Water Conservation Specialist Ritchie presented awards to the winners of the 4th grade Water Awareness Month Poster Contest: 1st place, Analisa Perez; 2nd place, Angelica Gonzalez; and 3rd place, Marianna Arredondo Ramos; and Honorable Mention, Juan Gonzalez. The students were from Tunnel School.

C. PRESENTATION – WATER VIDEO AWARD TO PIONEER HIGH
Water Conservation Specialist Ritchie presented a certificate and $500 to Pioneer High for winning 2nd Place in a recent water awareness video contest, along with gift cards to the students Xavier Aguilar, Stephanie Rubio, and Angelica Ortega, who made the video. Councilmember Boysen provided information on the water awareness contest. Ms. Richie acknowledged teacher Mr. Riccardo Magni, and Principal Shanda Herrera.

D. PROCLAMATION – WATER AWARENESS MONTH
Councilmember Boysen read a proclamation declaring the month of May 2014 as "Water Awareness Month" in the City of Santa Maria. The proclamation was accepted by Myra Ritchie, Water Conservation Specialist – Utilities Department. Ms. Ritchie gave a brief description of her work with school children and educating them about water awareness.

E. PROCLAMATION – TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK
Councilmember Boysen presented a proclamation recognizing the week of May 3-11, 2014, as "Travel & Tourism Week" in the City of Santa Maria. Terri Paniagua accepted the Proclamation.

F. PROCLAMATION – COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring May 5 – 11, 2014, as "Compost Awareness Week" in the City of Santa Maria, in recognition of the efforts of the composting councils, extension agents, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere. The proclamation was accepted by Bob Engel of Engel & Gray. Mr. Engel presented each Councilmember with a gift of a potted plant.

G. PROCLAMATION – LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE DAY
Councilmember Green presented a proclamation declaring May 10, 2014, as Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day and encouraging all residents to support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near their mailbox for Letter Carrier pick-up on food drive day. Letter carriers Vince Armenta, Tammy Bragdon, Cindy Larebia, Jesse Sanchez, Jr., and Donny Swartz accepted the Proclamation.

H. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring May 11 – 17, 2014, as "National Police Week" and Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents to remember those individuals who gave their lives for our safety and express our appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making Santa Maria a safer place in which to live. The proclamation was accepted by Lt. Marc Schneider and Cpl. Louis Tanore of the Santa Maria Police Department. Lt. Schneider invited the public to the memorial event on May 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

I. PROCLAMATION – 40th ANNIVERSARY OF SMOOTH
Councilmember Zuniga presented a proclamation commending the Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH) for 40 years of service to the Santa Maria area. Brian Hall and Jim Talbott accepted the Proclamation. Councilmembers Boysen and Zuniga thanked them for their support of local non-profits.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES):
Leonardo Espinoza, Jr. suggested that the City improve bike lanes and bike routes for schools, create community gardens, and consider providing solar powered heaters in parks for those who do not have a place to go. He announced Central Coast Future Leaders would be offering a Summer Program in the community. Another youth group, Central Coast Green Team, is teaching youth to grow their own food. He indicated that he had started a grassroots movement called Santa Maria Urban Farmer. As a speaker for the Santa Maria Youth Advisory Council, he announced the group has created its own by-laws and is going to create a website to share leadership information with the community.

Diane Lapham spoke about awards that she has received from Santa Maria Valley Beautiful for her landscaping. She complained that her trumpet plants hanging over her backyard fence were cut by Recreation and Parks Department exposing graffiti under the plants. She requested assistance from the Council with a staff member who she indicated was being inconsiderate.

Gene Williamson, representing the Salvation Army, thanked the City for its support of the organization. He wanted to remind the community that the Salvation Army still exists in the City. They help feed, clothe, and provide shelter for those in need.

Rod Berns requested follow-up information from a meeting with Police Chief Martin at the end of 2013. He is seeking closure on his brother's murder during a shootout.

Mayor Patino indicated that he would need to obtain the information from the County or the District Attorney Office.

Police Chief Martin responded he had met with Mr. Berns twice. He had also contacted the District Attorney's office who was still classifying the incident as a case of self-defense. He indicated that he re-sent some evidence to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Lab and the evidence came back positive for gunshot residue on Mr. Berns' deceased brother's hands. Police Chief Martin said he was still determining several elements of the case and would make a final decision on whether or not to re-open the case in the near future.

Ernest Armenta spoke in support of Police Chief Martin and the good work that he has done to improve the Police Department. He indicated that there were many issues that still faced the department from the past, and that he appreciates the fact that current Council and staff were working on resolving them.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3I were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2014, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 186016 to 186293 totaling $1,435,834.83 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 182239, 184744, 185239, and 185718 were cancelled.

D. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. VACATION OF EASEMENTS
Resolution No. 2014-37 was adopted permitting a summary vacation of roadway easement on Black Road, pursuant to the Streets and Highway Code, Part 3, Chapter 4, §8333(c), and directed that the Resolution be recorded with the County Clerk Recorder.

Resolution No. 2014-37 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, SUMMARY VACATION OF A ROADWAY EASEMENT ALONG BLACK ROAD PURSUANT TO STREETS & HIGHWAYS CODE, PART 3, CHAPTER 4, §8333 (c).

F. BID AWARD – WATERLINE REPLACEMENT
Resolution No. 2014-38 was adopted awarding the bid for the Waterline Replacement - 100-600 Block West Park Avenue, Bid No. 2014/04, and approving a contract with Trevor Crandall, DBA Crandall Construction, in the amount of $151,935.

Resolution No. 2014-38 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH TREVOR CRANDALL, DBA CRANDALL CONSTRUCTION, FOR BID NO. 2014/04, WATER LINE REPLACEMENT – 100-600 BLOCK WEST PARK AVENUE.

G. MEASURE A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS.
Resolution No. 2014-39 was adopted approving the Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects for fiscal year 2014-15 through fiscal year 2018-19 and certifying that the City of Santa Maria will provide sufficient funding in the 2014-19 budget to meet the Measure A Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement.

Resolution No. 2014-39 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE MEASURE A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2018-19.

H. AGREEMENT WITH WATER SYSTEMS CONSULTING, INC.
Resolution No. 2014-40 was adopted authorizing the Director of Utilities, or his designee, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for a Local Limits Study for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into

extensions and modifications consistent with the terms of the Agreement in order to carry out the project.

Resolution No. 2014-40 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WATER SYSTEMS CONSULTING, INC. FOR A LOCAL LIMITS STUDY FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

I. SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Resolution No. 2014-41 was adopted recertifying the City of Santa Maria Sewer System Management Plan.

Resolution No. 2014-41 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RECERTIFYING THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

4. OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW – POLICE DEPARTMENT AUDIT.

City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. In 2001, the Office of Independent Review (OIR) Group, a civilian oversight group, was founded by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Chief Attorney, Michael Gennaco, was present at the meeting and would be reporting on the OIR Group's findings. On December 8, 2011, the Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD) was involved in an officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of a known gang member and two police officers sustaining wounds as a result of friendly fire. Seven weeks later, another officer-involved shooting took place resulting in the death of an officer. The District Attorney's Office deemed the use of deadly force in the two incidents to be justified, however, the two incidents coupled with years of labor discord between Police Administration and the Police Officers' Association led to the decision of the City Manager to call for an independent audit of the SMPD. The OIR Group was selected to do the audit. The OIR Group met with City and Police Department personnel, reviewed policies and procedures, audited training records, inspected citizen complaints, and verified whether or not industry-wide best management practices were being adhered to. The OIR Group developed 57 recommendations for staff to address. Based on those recommendations, 23 have been implemented, 18 are currently being addressed, and 16 will be worked into the schedule as they require time to accomplish.

Staff recommends that the City retain the OIR Group to continue to perform audit services on the Police Department on a biennial basis in an effort to maintain an independent model of oversight to help ensure that its Police Department objectively and thoroughly investigate critical incidents and allegations of misconduct and render objective disciplinary decisions, as well as provide input on systemic reform. Staff also recommends that the City engage the OIR Group to return in one year to provide the City Council with an overall status report on the aforementioned 57 recommendations.

Mr. Gennaco, of the Office of Independent Review (OIR) Group, presented the results of the Police Department Audit. He indicated that almost immediately, with the replacement of the Chief of Police around the same time the OIR Group started their study, reform began taking place. An increase in staff numbers helped diminish some of the infrastructure issues. Citizen complaints were minimal at the time, but with more transparency and improved function of the Police Department, complaints have increased in a positive way and are being appropriately handled by the department. The perception of the Police Department has improved as well. Training programs are being implemented that should help alleviate some of the issues when processing Use of Force incidents.

One example of a policy recommendation that Mr. Gennaco recommended was the removing of the wording "officers may seek money damages from complainants in a civil lawsuit if the complainant makes false statements" from the Citizen Complaint Forms. He also encouraged the Police Department to continue to embrace the City's Mission Statement and Code of Ethics.

Mr. Gennaco summarized by saying the SMPD took advantage of recent changes in the department to move forward with progressive practices and to promote Constitutional consistent law enforcement in the City. To its credit, the Department had already initiated many of the recommendations put forward by the OIR Group once the new Police Chief came onboard.

Mr. Gennaco reported he was optimistic of positive reform within the Police Department for six reasons: 1) when the OIR Group asked for information and interviewed Police and City Leaders, they received nothing but complete cooperation and transparency; 2) the attentiveness and concern of City Leaders that prompted the review in the first place was a good sign of desire within the City for reform; 3) even

before the audit was completed, the City Manager was willing to be decisive and take decisive action; 4) the Chief of Police has shown commitment and transparency during the audit making a great working relationship between the City and the OIR Group; 5) the public report being given this evening is another great indicator of the City's potential success with reform in that everything said this evening was part of a permanent public record available to everyone; and 6) the audit will necessarily overlap with interactions within the community.

City Manager Haydon requested that Mr. Gennaco speak about his history with audit reports. Mr. Gennaco said he had done work for 15 other jurisdictions in the State of California, including correctional institutions and tragic incident follow-up reviews. He cited the Kelly Thomas incident, where a homeless individual had died in police custody, along with several other officer involved shooting evaluations processed by the OIR Group.

Police Chief Martin addressed the City Council and began by thanking the City for implementing this audit and the OIR Group for the way they have handled the audit. He stated the process is never easy as it tends to uncover the unpleasant prior to beginning to make improvements. He said he believes public confidence in the Police Department has increased with transparency and community-based policing. He went on to say that Use of Force incidents are now used as part of training and a full time sergeant has been placed in the training unit to help improve training programs. The OIR Group's recommendation regarding officers who witness force is in progress and should be fully implemented by mid-year. He acknowledged that the Department does investigate all citizen complaints and the citizen complaint form will be updated to remove the language that threatens the complainant. Structural changes in personnel are still being implemented and he fully supports the continued oversight.

Council discussion

Councilmember Zuniga recalled being on the other side of the dais and said she appreciated the efforts of City Manager Haydon to solve problems and maintain transparency. She also acknowledged Chief Martin for creating a positive atmosphere in Police Department. She asked about the impact of the level of staffing and the young age of new officers within the Department.

Mr. Gennaco responded that the most important step that has been taken with regard to staffing was to increase the number of Sergeants in the Department thus ensuring that the City has good supervisors and role models in place. He also noted that having good training is one of the best ways to keep the Department running smoothly.

Mayor Patino asked about Recommendation No. 57 and the oversight of the Police Department. She said that several years' ago she recommended a Police Oversight Committee, but the idea was not supported by others. She asked what model the City could use to address the recommendation.

Mr. Gennaco responded that there was a model he had worked with in other communities, but it was challenging as there were always issues of access to confidential information and how to work with the information appropriately. He recommended that if a citizen's oversight committee was formed that it should use the services of a professional auditor.

Mayor Patino asked about the policies the report addressed and whether the OIR Group was referring to City policies or the Police Department's policies.

Mr. Gennaco said the report stated the Police Department's policies were within norms.

Mayor Patino asked Chief Martin how many citizens' complaints were received monthly.

Police Chief Martin said the Department receives a little over one complaint per week which is about normal for a department of its size. The vast majority of citizen complaints fall under the category of discourteousness and there were ways to provide training when these complaints were received. He indicated that the Department was about to purchase an indexing program that would allow them to maintain a history of incidents, including complaints, to track incidents so they do not continue to occur.

Mayor Patino asked if there was a correlation between lack of resources and lack of training within the Police Department.

Chief Martin said that although it would be ideal if all positions were filled, it is not impacting the Department's ability to perform best-practices in its day to day activities. He also said that with the new indexing program, the Department would be keeping each individual police officer's history in their files during their entire careers which will aid training efforts enormously.

Mayor Patino asked about the City's Code of Ethics as it applied to the Police Department.

City Manager Haydon responded that he believed that the League of California Cities had created a model Code of Ethics in 2005-06, and the City tried to apply it to the City of Santa Maria. At the time, they were successful with all employee bargaining groups in the City except the Police Officers' Association. One of the recommendations from the OIR Group's report addresses this issue and would be taken into consideration moving forward.

Mayor Patino asked if sexual harassment training was only provided to Police Management.

City Manager Haydon responded that ethics and sexual harassment training were required every two years for supervisors and managers. It is not provided at this time to other staff. However, based on recommendations from the OIR Group, the City would be re-evaluating which staff members would receive the training.

Councilmember Orach commented on the economy and its impact on the City. Training was reduced over the past few years based on a tight budget. He said he was impressed by the OIR Group's report and was happy to see the reform taking place. He encouraged people to attend the Town Hall Meetings.

Councilmember Boysen commented that in years past some members of the public felt that public safety managers should report directly to the City Council. He asked Mr. Gennaco about the pros and cons in that type of system.

Mr. Gennaco responded that, in his experience, it makes more sense for a public safety manager to report to the City Manager as long as there is confidence in the City Manager. The City Manager has more time to deal with some of the nuances that City Council may not have time for, particularly in a city the size of Santa Maria.

Mayor Patino thanked Mr. Gennaco for his report and said she was encouraged by some of the kind things the OIR Group report said. She also thanked Chief Martin and City Manger Haydon.

Chief Martin reassured the Council that the Police Department was actively working with the report findings and it was his intent is to give a summary of progress in the next six months.

City Manager Haydon indicated that the City would be engaging the services of the OIR Group for a review in one year. He also thanked the City Council and the public for their patience in allowing the process to take place and for passing Measure U as it allowed for the expansion in Police personnel. He thanked Mr. Gennaco for the review and Police Chief Martin for his willingness to come to Santa Maria to help move the City's Police Department in a positive direction.

Public Input
Ernest Armenta asked how the audit was being paid for. He also asked if the recommendations could be completed without the support of the Police Officers' Association.

City Manager Haydon responded that the City's insurance company is helping to finance the audit based on the fact that the study, and actions taken as a result of it, would decrease the City's liability. The money would not come out of Measure U or the City's General Fund. Mr. Haydon went on to say that the implementation of City policies was not dependent on the Police Officers' Association, although their input would certainly be taken into consideration.

Direction was provided to Staff to prepare a Police Department Action Plan and the request was made that the Office of Independent Review (OIR) Group return in one year to verify the status of its recommendations.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2014, AND A BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14. City Manager Haydon requested the removal of Item 1 from Resolution 2014-42 regarding changes to the positions of Battalion Chiefs within the Fire Department.

Director of Administrative Services Visé gave a report as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. He spoke about primary General Fund revenues through the 3rd quarter. The primary revenue source is Sales Tax which is about $120,000 greater that this time last year. The holiday quarter this year was $111,000 more than last year's. Property tax revenue is $240,000 greater than budget. Non-Hazardous Impacted Soils Program (NHIS) receipts through March are 85.1 percent of budget, although it is approximately $303,000 less than last fiscal year. Interest income is under budget by

$224,000 with revenue at $295,520. The City is projecting about $700,000 for the fiscal year whereas back in 2007-2008 it was closer to $3.2 million. License, Permits, & Fees-Permit revenue is at 136.2 percent of budget or approximately $1,267,000 which is $404,000 greater than received in 2012-13 at this time.

Santa Maria's unemployment rate was 10.6 percent, versus the 12.3 percent a year ago. City General Fund receipts through March are at $32.3 million, while overall spending is at $37.8 million. With 75 percent of the year complete, revenues are at 58.2 percent of projections while expenditures are at 63.6 percent of appropriations. As of June 30, 2013, the balance of the General Fund was $9,567,590. Revenues are less than budget primarily because property tax in-lieu amounts are not received until late January and late May each year. The City adopted the 2013-14 Budget using $2.5 million in one-time Local Economic Augmentation Fund (LEAF) reserves to balance the General Fund Budget.

Regarding the Measure U Fund, revenues received through the first nine months are at 56 percent of budget at $2,246,190 whereas expenditures are at 65.5 percent. Administration expenses consist primarily of the levee loan payment to the Solid Waste Collection Fund for $106,000 paid in October. Recreation and Parks was under budget primarily due to the vacancy of the Senior Park Services Officer position.

Expenditures are at 63.6 percent of budget, due primarily to staff vacancies and departments making concerted efforts to keep operational costs to a minimum.

Public input.
Ernest Armenta asked if there were negative impacts to the City's budget regarding the County's Measure M.

City Manager Haydon responded the impacts would not be direct as it was a County tax. Indirect impacts could be numerous. For example, if Measure M passed, it could close the North County Jail which would mean the City's police officers would be transporting prisoners to the Goleta jail on a daily basis again.

Councilmember Boysen commented that Measure M impacts would be tremendous to the City's community-based partners.

Council discussion.
There was no Council discussion.

The third quarter financial was received and ordered filed, and Resolution No. 2014-42 was adopted, as amended to exclude Item 1 of the Resolution regarding the Battalion Chief classification as at-will, approving amendments to the 2013-14 budget and authorizing the City Manager to implement same, on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: (5-0)

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2014-42 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2013-14 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

6. CALPERS EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD. City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. One of the provisions of the Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 governs post-retirement employment for retirees. CalPERS retirees must wait 180 days pursuant to Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224 before they can be rehired by a CalPERS employer provided the work is of a limited duration in a retired annuitant-designated position, the time worked is 960 hours or less in a fiscal year, hourly pay is within the salary schedule for the position, and no additional compensation or benefits are paid. One exception to these rules allows an employer to employ a recent retiree before the expiration of the 180-day wait period if the governing body certifies through the adoption of a resolution that the appointment is necessary to fill a critical need position, prior to the expiration of the 180-day wait period. Staff is requesting that City Council allow Ms. Alicia Lara, the Deputy City Manager assigned to Human Resources, to fill a critically needed role in the City Manager's Office after her retirement. Ms. Lara has the specialized skills needed to be appointed for a limited

duration as Project Manager overseeing personnel investigations, policy updates, the citywide transition to online performance evaluations, and other specific projects. As required under Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224, Ms. Lara would be paid similar to other employees performing comparable duties. Her hours will not exceed 960 in a fiscal year, and no other benefits will be provided.

Public input.
There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion.
There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2014-43 was adopted approving a resolution for the CalPERS exception to the 180-day wait period pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Green, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2014-43 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A RESOLUTION FOR THE CALPERS EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 AND 21224.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Haydon reported on upcoming items for the May 20, 2014, City Council meeting to include: the Police Department's volunteer of the month; a Proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week; a Conflict of Interest Code update; the Annual Action Plan for 2014-15 CDBG & HOME Funds; several proposed No-Stopping Zones; a Rotary Centennial Park agreement; the initiation of annexing parcels into the Landscape Maintenance Districts; a Lease Agreement with Alamo Farms, and Business License Fee adjustments. He also reminded the Council and public about the Southwest Town Hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, at the Church for Life on Skyway Drive.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Boysen commented on the Allan Hancock College Architectural Program and their current project, a conceptual design of the Downtown corridor. He encouraged Councilmembers and Community Development staff to attend the presentation on May 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 09 at the College.

Councilmember Green reported that he attended the Elks Club Rodeo Queen's Kick-Off and Auction, the Pacific Coast Association for Education of Young Children breakfast and site tours, the Central Coast Helping Hands event at St. Joseph's High School, the Day of Prayer at the Fairpark, and the League of California Cities Dinner in Buellton.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended the Serve Santa Maria event and a Local Agency and Formation Commission meeting. He wished mothers a happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember Zuniga reported that she attended the Buena Vista Park Spring Party, a meeting with the Board of the Santa Barbara Fund, a PLAY Board meeting, a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Coalition meeting, participated as a judge for the Lions Club speech writing contest, and attended the National Day of Prayer. She thanked Chief Martin for hosting a cultural proficiency training.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the Rotary Club Green Bucket Stuffing Party putting items together for Domestic Violence Solutions, the SBCAG board meeting, the Home Builders Association meeting, a meeting with the new KCOY anchors, the 71st Elks Rodeo Queen Kick-Off, a workforce and literacy initiative video, the Economy Alliance meeting, Administrative Professional's Day with the City Manager's Office, the new engine roll-out and dedication ceremony, Preisker Park during the Serve Santa Maria event, the Fighting Back Santa Maria coalition meeting, the Day of Prayer event, the presentation of the Proclamation at the Lions Club district conference, the grand opening of MIYB, the opening for the Migrant Education and Public Speaking debate, the Assemblyman Achadjian Armed Forces and Veteran of the Year event, and the Police Officer swearing in ceremony for Mathew Silver.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Mayor Patino declared the meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

APPROVED

May 20, 2014
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk